(b) whether it is also a fact that the DDA had assured at that time that a new building for the school in Inder Lok would be constructed;

(c) whether Government are aware that the school is functioning in tents in the compound of Shahi Masjid, Idgah, and the management of the Masjid is now pressing for vacation of its compound;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not constructing the building for the school so far;

(e) whether it is a fact that repeated representation has been made by the people of the locality in this regard; and

(f) if so, by when Government propose to construct and provide the new building for the school?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Delhi Development Authority has stated that it is not aware of any such assurance.

(c) Yes, Sir; but neither the DDA nor the Delhi Administration has any knowledge about the pressure being put by the management of the Masjid for vacation of the site.

(d) Due to increased requirements of Janta/L.I.G. houses in the area, the provision of school site could not be made.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir; the school management has not submitted the application for allotment of land in the prescribed proforma through the Directorate of Education, although it was requested to do so.

Unauthorised occupation of Government accommodation

2855. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1600 officers of Secretary/Joint Secretary level are occupying Government accomodation in Delhi in an unauthorised way from one year to four years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the rent arrears in respect of these Government officers have mounted up to Rs. 3 crores; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take to stop this malpractice and to collect the said arrears?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHD. USMAN ARIF): (a) No, Sir. Only in a few cases the General Pool accommodation is in unauthorised occupation of such officers.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In cases where General Pool accommodation is in unauthorised occupation of such officers, action under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised occupants) Act, 1971 has been initiated for securing vacant possession of the premises as well as recovery of Government dues.

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2856. **श्री प्यारेलाल खण्डेलवाल :**
श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अनेक सांसदों और देश की जनता ने गोवंश वध को रोकने हेतु सरकार से सामूहिक

मांग की है ; यदि हां, तो कितने सांसदों ने यह मांग की है ;

(ख) किन-किन राज्यों में गोवंश वध पर प्रतिबंध लगाया गया है और क्या संघ राज्यक्षेत्रों और कुछ राज्यों में गोवंश वध पर रोक नहीं है ; यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) सम्पूर्ण देश में गोवंश हत्या पर कानूनी रोक लगाने के लिए सरकार किन-किन संवैधानिक उपायों पर विचार कर रही है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाणा) : (क) देश में गो-वध पर प्रतिबंध लगाने के संबंध में अनेक सांसदों तथा जनता ने सरकार से कई सामूहिक मांग नहीं की है । तथापि, इस संबंध में कुछ सांसदों ने, जिन्हें गो-रक्षा समिति, नई दिल्ली द्वारा अलग अलग अभ्यावेदन भेजा गया था, उसे सरकार को भेज दिया है ।

(ख) उपलब्ध जानकारी के अनुसार असम, आंध्र प्रदेश, बिहार, गुजरात, हरियाणा, हिमाचल प्रदेश, जम्मू व कश्मीर, कर्णाटक, मध्य प्रदेश, महाराष्ट्र मणिपुर, उड़ीसा, पंजाब, राजस्थान, तमिलनाडु, सिक्किम, उत्तर प्रदेश, पश्चिम बंगाल, तथा केरल में गो तथा इसकी संतति के वध को रोकने के संबंध में कानून हैं ।

मेघालय, नागालैंड, तथा त्रिपुरा के राज्य और दादर और नगर हवेली, लक्ष्यद्वीप, अरुणाचल प्रदेश तथा मिजोरम संघ राज्यक्षेत्रों में इस प्रकार के कानून नहीं हैं । संविधान के उपबंधों के अनुसार, राज्यों को पशु संरक्षण संबंधी कानून बनाने का एकमात्र अधिकार है । जहां तक उपरोक्त चार संघ राज्यक्षेत्रों का संबंध है, लोगों की विद्यमान खाद्य आदतों तथा सामाजिक-सांस्कृतिक परम्पराओं की वजह से उनके पास इस प्रकार के कानून नहीं हैं ।

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा फिलहाल किसी संवैधानिक उपायों पर विचार नहीं किया जा रहा है ।

Species of Economic Plants

2857. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:
SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of species of economic plants which are grown in the country;

(b) what are the measures being taken to conserve these plants;

(c) what are the details of the laws regulating export of our genetic resources;

(d) whether it is a fact that developed countries are trying to patent genetic diversity and then sell the strains of crop plants improved with genes from the ancestral species from developing countries;

(e) whether it is also a fact that some of the international institutions are trying to collect all ancient species of rice, wheat and mango in order not only to preserve them but also develop new strains; and

(f) if so, what is India's contribution in this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The total plant wealth of India (of major and minor plants of all types) amounts to around 15,000 species. Although exact figures are not available, about 4000 of those species